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SUBJ: MAURITIUS BREAKS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

REF: PORT LOUIS 594

1. WE DISCUSSED THE BREAK IN RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND MAURITIUS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS (BEIN) IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO PROVIDED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS THAT CONTAINED IN REFTEL. HE ADDED THAT PRIOR TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE MAURITIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST FALL THE POSSIBILITY OF ISRAEL APPOINTING A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN PORT LOUIS AND THIS WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, DURING FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON, GOM INDICATED IT DID NOT WISH TO FOLLOW THAT COURSE.

2. THIS SPRING THE ISRAELIS INFORMED GOM THEY WISHED TO ACCREDIT A NEW AMBASSADOR, WHO WOULD BE RESIDENT IN MALAWI, AND PORT LOUIS AGREED. HOWEVER, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS TO BE MADE IN MARCH, GOM REFERRED TO "LOCAL CONDITIONS" AND THE FACT THEY WERE HOSTING THE OAU MEETING IN THE SUMMER AND
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SUGGESTED A POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. ON JULY 1, THE MAURITIAN CHARGE IN LONDON CALLED ON THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND SAID GOM WAS CONSIDERING A BREAK IN RELATIONS. THIS APPEARED IN THE ISRAELI PRESS ON JULY 4. ON JULY 7 THE CHARGE REFERRED TO AN AFP REPORT (WHICH HE TERMED AN INSPIRED LEAK) THAT GOI HAD DECIDED TO BREAK RELATIONS AND INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THIS HAD LED HIS GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THE BREAK ON JULY 8.
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